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135	5c ultramarine	.25
136	6c grey black	.45
137	8c dull violet	.45
138	9c slate green	2.25
139	10c dark violet	.45
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TO OUR READERS

The beginning of a New Year is a good time, both for you and for us, to renew your Popular Stamps, or to check your label and be prepared for it when it does come due. As our older subscribers know we do not send out renewal notices. It is our belief that all those who really like our magazine will renew their subscriptions when due and thank us for not pestering them with renewal notices, and those not liking Popular Stamps will not renew no matter how many notices we might send out. We thus know that our subscribers are select and truly interested in the stamps and other philatelic matters of Canada.

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HONOUR DR. GELDERT

Dr. G. M. Geldert, president of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, was presented with season's greetings and a Nova Scotia three penny stamp at the society's pre-Christmas meeting.

The Nova Scotia three penny is a rare stamp in the genuine class, but the one that expressed greetings to the president was even rarer in that it was a most cleverly executed forgery, an item that many a collector would like to have in his collection.

COAST CLUB OFFICERS

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society was held Jan. 5 in the Orange Hall. Following is a list of officers—Hon. Pres., H. Lethaby; Hon. Vice Pres., V. N. Bigwood; Pres., A. R. C. Wildig; Vice Pres., L. Small; Sec'ty., C. J. Richards; Assist. Sec'ty., Mrs. G. Howard; Auctioneers, C. B. Hill-Tout, R. Clarke; Treas., W. A. Teare.

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The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

No. 349—Canadian Rocket Stamps And Covers

The only two references I have in my philatelic library on Rocket stamps and covers are; (1) "Rocket Mail Catalogue," 2nd Revised Edition, 1955, edited by Stephen H. Smith, and (2) an article on Rocket Stamps with listing, by F. W. Kessler in the AMERICAN PHILATELIST, Sept. 1936.

Neither of these list any Canadian Rocket stamps or covers. The Smith Catalogue does however mention them as follows: "Readers might observe—he did neither refer to labels for a 'rocket flight from the USA to Canada' or a 'First Canadian Rocket Flight,' all supposedly of 1936. But even today, nearly 12 years later, no records have become known which would indicate if these flights have ever taken place or who the experimenter might have been for these projects."

The labels refered to are as follows:

First Issue:

"ROCKET-FLIGHT FROM U.S.A. TO CANADA" 50c Blue and Red-orange. 75c Red-orange and Blue.

Second Issue:

"ROCKET-FLIGHT FROM CANADA TO U.S.A." 50c Blue and Red-orange, 75c Red-orange and Blue.

(In both of the above mentioned issues the first color given is of the frame, the second is of the vignette.)

Third Issue:

"FIRST CANADIAN ROCKET-FLIGHT", 50c Blue, Brown and Red-orange, 75c Red-orange, Brown and Blue.

(In this issue the first color mentioned is of the frame and mountains in background, the second is of the Buffalo and vegetation, the third is of the Indian and Horse.)

All issues are imperforate, and were printed in se-tenant pairs. I have se-tenant pairs of all three issues. I also have covers with singles of all three issues. All covers I have seen have been addressed to "The Third International Philatelic Exhibition, Booth No. 77, New York." All stamps "used" on or off cover bear a single-line hand-stamp in blue or red. The covers bear no post office stamps or markings of any kind.

Anyone having additional knowledge of these "labels"—I would appreciate correspondence regarding same.

No. 350 — Diamond Jubilee Essays

In H.T. packet No. 300 which appeared in the February '56 issue, I mentioned a series of seven Souvenir Commemorative seals which had been submitted to me as Essays for the Canadian Jubilee Issue of 1897. I pointed out they were neither Canadian or Essays, and that their true nature had been written up years ago in Melville's "Phantom Philately."

Imagine my surprise therefore to see them listed and given catalogue recognition as Canadian Essays in the January 1956 issue of Essay-Proof Journal! (Actually published in late February. or early March.) Considerable correspondence then took place with the late Dr. Clarence Brazer, and just before his great loss to the philatelic world, he wrote stating they would be withdrawn. I understand from the present editorial staff that the withdrawal will be announced and the true nature of the "seals" will be disclosed in an early issue of that masterpiece of philatelic publications, the ESSAY-PROOF Journal.

Yes I have a set of these in my collection,—but they are labeled for what they really are—souvenir com-

memorative seals, hawked on the streets of London, during the 1897 Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

At least one collector wrote me last year to thank me for giving him the straight dope on these. He too had been offered a set—as Canadian Essays!

No. 351—Railway Pictorial Postcards

I've mentioned these several times before, but to me they are one of the most fascinating of all branches of Canadian Postal Stationery. Having picked up two nice lots of these recently, I spent a week-end working on this collection. For the first time I have come up with an estimate of the total number of different cards that exist. Certainly they run over 400, and there is little likelihood of there being more than 450. My own best estimate is 416. How many have you succeeded in getting together? My own collection now totals 196 broken down as follows:

Canadian Pacific Railway	115
Grand Trunk Railway	64
Ottawa, North. and West.	1
Canadian National R.R.	16
	196

I understand that the next edition of Holmes' Catalogue will see these completely revised as to both listing and prices. Prices will be up considerably. So do your hunting now!

No. 352—Quebec Tercentenary Commemorative Cards

Way back in packet No. 196 (Jan. 1954) I reported and listed eight varieties of these beautiful cards, published by "The Valentine & Sons' Publishing Co., Ltd." In the October issue of BNA TOPICS I wrote a feature article on these and other Quebec cards, and concluded that the eight designs listed were a complete set. None had shown up in three years. However, no sooner had the article gone to press than a new one comes along! This also was nicely franked with a 1c Quebec stamp, and is of the horizontal format, bearing the picture and legend "Champlain Memorial, Dufferin Terrace, Quebec."

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1956 IN RETROSPECT

A number of our leading Canadian collectors passed way, nearly everybody collected plate blocks, the 12d black reached a new high, B.C.'s, went at bargain prices, perfins and officials drew attention, turmoil in the east, Sissions Toronto sales saw big demand for Canada pence issues and most other 19th century, and Edmonton Eskimos showed that when east does meet west that west is once again best.

CANADIAN PLATE BLOCKS

Between November 1, 1956 and January 1, 1957 the following new plate blocks have made their appearance:

No. 338 2c pl. 6. 7 and 8.
No. 340 4c pl. 8.
No. 341 5c pl. 12.
No. O41 2c pl. 4 and 5.

Good luck with your block hunting —Keith Pardy.

Held Their First Show

The North York Philatelic Society held a stamp exhibition recently in the Community Hall, and had nearly 100 frames, including some from Ottawa. This was their first show, and all members were pleased with the display and the attendance.

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32	50 on 1/-	2.00	—
33	6 on 10	—	.12
34	6 on 10	.12	.12
35	5 on 3	.18	—
37	15 on 6	.45	—
38	1c	.10	—
39	2c	.12	—
40	3c	.25	—
41	5c	—	.20
42	6c	.25	.25
43	10c	—	1.25
44	12c	.55	—
45	24	.80	—
47	1c on 1 p	.10	—
48	opt. rev.	.25	—
49	opt. rev.	.45	—
50	opt. rev.	.45	—
52	5c	.30	.30
53	10c	—	.45
54	50c	1.45	—
55	$1	2.25	—
56	$2	6.00	—
57	$5	17.25	—
58	1c	.55	—
59	2c	.20	—
60	5c	.30	—
61	20c	.75	—
62	1c	.20	—
63	2c	—	.12
65	10c	.45	.45
67	25c	1.00	—
68	50c	1.75	—
69	$1	3.00	—
70	$2	6.50	—
71	$5	18.50	—
72	2c	—	.10
73	5c	.30	.25
74	25c	1.50	—
75	1c	.06	—
76	2c	.08	—
77	3c	.10	.08
78	5c	.20	—
79	10c	.35	—
81	50c	1.30	—
82	$1	2.00	—
83	$2	6.50	—
84	$5	12.00	—
85-7	set	.75	—
89	2c	.40	.35
90	4c	.45	.40
91	1c	.08	—
92	1c	—	.05
93	2c	.12	.12
94	2c	.07	.05
95	3c	.12	—
96	4c	.08	—
97	5c	—	.12
98	10c	.20	.20
99	25c	.45	.45
100	50c	—	.90
101	$1	1.50	—
102	$2	4.00	—
103	25c	2.00	—
104	$5	7.80	—
109	4c	.12	—
110	5c	.35	—
111	25c	.65	—
112-4	set	.20	—
115	1c	.03	.02
116	2c	.04	.03
117	3c	.05	.04
118	4c	.05	.05
119	5c	.05	.05
120	10c	.10	.09
121	15c	—	.07
122	25c	.20	—
115-22		.60	—
115-23		—	.90
124	$1	—	1.00
125	$2	1.85	—
126	$5	4.00	—
127-8		.10	—
129	Sil. Wed.	.07	—
129-30	S. W.	7.50	—
131	1c	.03	—
132	3c	.06	—
133	4c	.07	—
135	10c	.15	.12
136	15c	.20	.20
131-6	set	.70	.70
137-40	UPU	.75	—
141-2		—	.20
B1-5	set	2.00	—
J2	2c	.05	—
J3	4c	.07	—
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Plate Block Charlie Says:

The article in the November issue of this magazine under the heading "Canada Jottings" by "Will Eye" is certainly an interesting one. In part, to me, it is more than interesting. O.H.M.S. plate blocks some way or another seem different to the postage issues. I suppose it is because of their scarcity. There seems to be a challenge in the collecting of them. The possibility of you or I ever completing them is nil, but if you have plenty of dollars, there is a possible chance of you reaching about 110 positions out of the possible 120.

The scarcest of all is of course the O4 P49 UR as inferred by "Will Eye". I believe four of these positions are known. Several other positions are scarce, in fact I believe about fifteen of them have reached the rare stage, with several others reaching the scarce column.

I have not in the past written anything about the O.H.M.S. plate blocks for the simple reason that there is not a great deal that can be said about them at the present time. Until a check or survey can be made—such as the one "Will Eye" is making—and I do hope he will be successful with it—we will not know much about them.

I believe he should go further than the O9. A very interesting article by "T. B. Higginson" in the June 1955 issue of B.N.A. Topics will give you some idea of how scarce some of these positions are. My own collection of 103 positions may not be a great one, but I would sure hate to pay out what they are worth today.

In a letter from a collector in the States forwarded to me by Mr. McCready, he refers to the scarcity of O4 P49 UR, to the 1939 Royal Visits, or rather, to the improbables. I do not believe the postage issues should be considered at this time. A great many plate block collectors do not collect the "Officials," so let us keep the "Officials" in one group and the postage issues in another.

An article on the scarcity of some of the postage and air mail can be written about later.

Returning to the O.H.M.S. issues, there should be no doubt about the scarcest of all positions, O4 P49 UR of course. Value? My correspondent says about $500.00 and I say not a bit too high if any four positions are known. Perhaps the survey will bring out one or two more.

Like "Will Eye" I have often wondered just how many O9 positions there are, or how many complete sets there are or could be. What I mean is this, four collectors could each have one only of the four positions, which if put together would give us one complete set.

Finding out just how many of each position there is in collectors hands and in dealers stocks is going to be a tough undertaking and will take a long time. As far as dealers stocks are concerned, I think we can wash them out. They would not have them long enough to enter into the survey. What they could do is give "Will Eye" any help they can to help with the survey. A large number of collectors, mainly collectors in the "United States" are not going to know about the survey unless U.S. philatelic publications mention the fact in their magazines, which I am sure they will do when they know about it. As the survey has to do with O4 P49 UR, and chiefly with the O9 positions we will let things rest inso-far as these two gems are concerned. "Will Eye" suggests that any collector with 110 positions or more get in touch with him for record purposes. A very good idea, but I just wonder how many are going to come up with 110 OHMS positions. I also wonder how many complete "G" collections there are? There is only supposed to be one tough set of plates in the "G" overprints, and that one is O27. Prices asked for these vary from $45.00 to $65.00 for positions depending on who the dealer is, and what he had to pay for them. There are three positions in the "G" overprints that have eluded me since I first took up plate block collecting, not any one of which is worth over four dollars. Why?

Everything adds up to the fact that not enough is known about them, and it is going to take a long time to find out. Knowing that ten thousand sheets of a value was printed does not tell us very much. We do know

how many plate positions there should be, but we do not know how many of them have survived. To wind this article up, I hope every collector who has even one position of O9 will get in touch with "Will Eye" and let him know what position it is. I only wish I was one of the collectors with 110 positions of the OHMS.

Glad to have been with you. Cheerio and good hunting.—P. B. Charlie.

CANADA JOTTINGS

By Will Eye

1. O.H.M.S. Missing Period Varieties.

As promised in last article we are going to give you a check list of all the missing period varieties that we have seen and where possible their positions and plate numbers. Keep an eye open for these as most now are quite scarce and valuable—and on the large size (7c-$1) stamps the variety occurs on one of the plate positions. You can help to make this list complete if you will let us know any you have that we have not listed.

Scott No.	Value	Missing (.) After	Plate & Pos.
O1	1c	S	#39 LL Pt. 31
O1	1c	S	#52 LL Pt. 30
O1	1c	H	?
O2	2c	S	#52 LL Pt. 4
O3	3c	S	#52 LL Pt 32, 34
O4	4c	S	#52 LL Pt. 49
O6, O7, O8, O9, O10		S Also	#47 LL Pt. 7 Pt. 2 on 10c, 20c
O11	50c Oil	S	?
O12	1c	S	?
O12	1c	M	?
O13	2c	S	?
O14	3c	S	?
O15	4c	S	?
O15a	5c	S	#78 UL Pt.7 & 2
O15a	5c	S	#42 Pt. ? ? ?
O15a	5c	OH & S	# ? LR Pt. 7
O15a	5c	O & H	?
O15a	5c	M	?
O15a	5c	H	?
CO1	7c	S	#47 LL Pt. 7 & 2
EO1	10c	?	?

It should be noted that these missing period varieties occur only on a small limited printing, 06-7-8-9-10 and was the first printings only as far as we know. Since O9 was overprinted only once, according to Ottawa, it does not exist with the period after the S in the LL plate stamp No. 47. (Still waiting to see Mr. Kraemer's LL plate with period as reported in Dec. '55 P.S.) On O1-2-3-4 we believe the missing period after the S occurred on the 1st printings on LL panes stamps No. 52, and it is quite possible that on other positions the variety is not constant. On the 1949 revised issue O12-3-4-5-15A and the 50c Oil O11 it is a mystery as to when these occured as we had 1st printings in sheets from the agency and that showed no missing periods except on the 5c 15A UL plate 1 and 2 stamp No. 78. Again it may be possible that none of the other varieties are constant although we are fairly certain the 1c is. You may also note that there are some positions where for some reason the period after the 'S' is quite faint and much lighter than on the rest of the sheet or the period following the OHM on the same stamp—O2 2c plate 4 UL stamp No. 16 is a good example of this and appears to be constant, at least on 1st printings).

2. Thick G Overprint Varieties.

Next writing will try and have a check list of these for you and meanwhile keep your eyes open for them. At present they have occured on the current 5c and also many of the earlier ovpts. These have received a lot of publicity overseas but seemingly very little here. In fact we have not even seen any mention of them on this side of the Atlantic. According to Ottawa, in some cases the overprinting plate wears and breaks apart during use due to the abrasive surface of the stamps meeting the plate during the printing, thus, while it normally produces a sharp thin letter, it becomes dull and heavier and in its extreme state produces the so-called "thick G variety."

DON'T MISS IT

Elsewhere in this issue is a commentary on the Canada section of the current Scott's catalogue. Every collector of Canadian stamps should read it.

Unemployment Insurance Stamps

By C. Armstrong

A further study of these stamps shows variations that calls for more specializing. The following list might help to straighten them out. Holmes' types as illustrated on page 271 of his catalogue are used as a basis.

FU7 53x21MM can be divided into 6 vertical strips by roulette value in circle in centre of each strip. Lower rectangle has figure showing one day's tax and the words "insured, assure."

27c red brown
33c rose
40c bistre
43c light blue
46c mauve
51c green
57c vermilion
63c grayish brown

FU7a lower rectangles contain the words "employee. exempt" "Employe. exempte." Alternately.

24c gray blue

FU8 similar to FU7 but value in square instead of in circle on each vertical strip.

18c red brown
30c rose
39c bistre
42c light blue
45c mauve
48c green
60c vermilion
72c grayish brown
84c dark blue
84c yellow

FU9 similar to FU8 but figure over central squares are omitted and figure in lower rectangle is larger on each strip.

36c bistre
84c yellow
96c light blue
$1.08 rose

FU10 size 24x21MM. Figures in all the four corners.

$1.00 mauve
$1.04 green
$1.11 green
$1.24 vermilion
$1.30 vermilion
$1.37 grayish brown
$1.56 grayish brown
$1.82 dark blue

FU11 similar to FU10 but figures in upper corners omitted.

$1.82 yellow
$2.08 light blue
$2.34 rose

Meters have been seen in 1941 on yellow and green cards.

It is hoped this will assist to straighten out the early issues.

Since 1955 new types of stamps have appeared. When more stamps are available to work on, they might need specializing too.

The Canadian revenue society catalogues some stamps that, because of a wrong advance report, did not match the stamps when they came out later, they are:

$1.30 sage green
$1.56 vermilion
$1.82 bistre brown
84c vermilion

These stamps should be deleted as they never did exist.

Passed away in Saint John, N.B.

We regret to report the passing of an old time philatelist, Mr. C. P. Sutton, at the Saint John General Hospital during the Christmas week. He had been a resident of West Saint John for many years and will be missed by a large number of old friends. His philatelic favorites included the stamps of Canada, Newfoundland and the British West Indies. Mr. Sutton had not enjoyed good health for the past few years. One of Popular Stamps oldest subscribers, our sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

HIS CHOICE OF READING

We get many letters from appreciative readers of P.S., but this reader, at year-end, picked his favorites for the year. He writes:

I always read "Popular Stamps" from cover to cover. Among the articles or notes I found most interesting during the past year were: "Plate Block Charlie;" "Stamp Twins Re-united in Montreal;" "Hollow Tree, No. 303;" "An Immense Canadian Directory;" "Letters to the Editor" (June issue); "12d at Record Price;" "R.M.S. Nascopie;" and "Notes on Plate Blocks" (Dec. issue).—E. J. M.

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V.I.P.S. Celebrates Its Silver Anniversary

The Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, of Victoria, B.C., passed its twenty-fifth milestone in 1956, and celebrated the occasion with a banquet, at the Empress Hotel, October 24.

In 1931 the Society was formed by seven men, who met at the Empress Hotel, at the invitation of the manager, J. K. Hodges, who was made the first president of the new club, and whose help, through the years, has been of the greatest value to the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society. The other charter members were: Dr. J. A. Pearce, Henry Whittaker, Ronald M. Angus, Walter Englehardt, Reginald Nairne and Otto Weiler, all of whom are still with the V.I.P.S., except Otto Weiler, who has left Victoria. From the original seven, the club has grown to over a hundred Victoria members, with several out-of-town associates.

Three private dining-rooms were placed at the disposal of the V.I.P.S. for the silver anniversary banquet, and members, wives, guests and friends assembled in the Princess Charlotte and Albert room, where a dazzling display of trophies, silver cups, medals and certificates met the eye — all won by members. When such distinguished collectors as Gerald Wellburn, Henry Whittaker, J. K. Hodges, and Dr. J. A. Pearce are on the club roster, it is not surprising that trophies from many parts of the world were to be seen there—from England, New York, Toronto, Victoria, Vancouver and the Pacific North-west American Exhibitions. Sir John Wilson's book on the king's collection held a place of honour, and a number of award-winning frames of stamps were shown (by request) by Dr. Pearce and Reginald Nairne, V. L. Eardley-Wilmot, Miss Jean Roberts, Miss Jessie Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. O. Dunphey, and Mrs. Violet Molesworth.

The president, V. L. Eardley-Wilmot, and Miss Jean Roberts received the guests, and Mrs. A. B. Harris gave them their tickets for the door prize. Cocktails were served in the Princess Louise room, and the crowd drifted back and forth between the rooms, spending a pleasant half-hour chatting with old friends before adjourning to the Duke of Kent room for dinner.

Mr. Eardley-Wilmot, the president, introduced Mr. Gerald (Gerry) Wellburn as Master of Ceremonies. The M.C. then amazed the company, by introducing everyone by name—including visitors, R. F. Reid, Victoria postmaster, J. P. Bainbridge, out-of-town member from Vancouver, and his son-in-law, L. Brewster, and the president of the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society, A. R. C. Wildig, and Mrs. Wildig.

The Master of Ceremonies then proposed a toast to "The Queen," which was drunk with right good will by all. He then went on to explain that the purpose of the banquet was as much to honour the Charter Members, as to celebrate the silver anniversary of the society, and he called on the president to propose a toast to "The Founders of the V.I.P.S." In doing so Mr. Eardley-Wilmot gave a thumb-nail sketch of each, with a nice mingling of tribute and humour.

Ronald M. Angus replied to the toast, and recalled club high-lights, from the auctioneer's point of view —he having been auctioneer for sixteen years, along with Victor N. Bigwood, auction recorder for nearly twenty-five years. At this point Mrs. Wellburn made the draw for the door prize, and Henry Whittaker was the lucky man.

Gerry Wellburn then proposed that R. F. Reid (postmaster) be made an honourary member of the V.I.P.S. and Mr. Reid accepted with thanks, saying that he would co-operate with the club in any way possible when the C.P.S. Exhibition was in Victoria in 1958.

Miss Jessie Gordon proposed a toast to the V.I.P.S., saying that it really must "have something," to have lasted twenty-five years and be still "going strong." Dr. J. A. Pearce replied to the toast and spoke of the high standard maintained in the club through the years, and of the honours brought to the V.I.P.S. by various members. Of these he felt that Gerry Wellburn topped the list, having been

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NEWFOUNDLAND—Continued

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Scott No.		Price
153	10c dark violet	.85
154	12c brown carmine	.61
155	14c red brown	.60
156	15c dark blue	.65
157	20c grey black	.65
158	28c grey green	2.15
159	30c olive brown	.90
145-59	Complete Set	8.50
	1929 Provisional	
160	3c on 6c grey black	.20
	1929-31 Publicity Unwmkd	
163	1c green	.10
164	2c carmine	.09
165	3c deep brown	.13
166	4c magenta	.30
167	5c slate green	.35
168	6c ultramarine	1.10
169	10c dark violet	.58
170	15c deep blue	2.00
171	20c grey black	4.25
163-71	Complete Set	8.00
163-71	Blocks of four	33.00
	1931 Publicity Re-engraved	
172	1c green	.12
173	2c red	.25
174	3c red brown	.30
175	4c rose	.45
176	5c greenish grey	.90
177	6c ultramarine	2.75
178	8c red brown	1.75
179	10c black violet	.85
180	15c deep blue	3.75
181	20c grey black	6.50
182	30c olive brown	2.90
172-82	Complete Set	18.00
	1931-37 Issues	
183	1c green	.12
184	1c grey black	.03
185	2c rose	.10
186	2c green	.10
187	3c orange brown	.09
188	4c deep violet	.69
189	4c rose lake	.09
190	5c violet brown	.95
191	5c deep violet	.18
192	6c blue, Princess	2.65
193	10c olive black	.16
194	14c intense black	.23
195	15c magenta	.27
196	20c grey green	.32
197	25c grey	.43
198	30c ultramarine	2.90
199	48c red brown	.90
208	7c red brown	.14
209	8c orange red	.12
210	24c light blue	.38
211	15c brown, "L & S"	.40
	1933 Gilbert Issues	
212	1c grey black	.13
213	2c green	.15
214	3c yellow brown	.22
215	4c carmine	.25
216	5c dull violet	.35
217	7c blue	2.10
218	8c orange red	1.15
219	9c ultramarine	1,25
220	10c red brown	1.10
221	14c black	3.00
222	15c claret	3.00
223	20c deep green	1.60
224	24c violet brown	5.00
225	32c grey	5.25
212-25	Complete Set	17.00
	1943-47 Issues	
267	30c carmine	.38
268	2c on 30c	.09
269	4c light blue	.10
270	5c rose violet	.08
	Airmails	
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C2a	No comma after Post	20.00
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Type 2: 1½mm. between air and mail		
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C3d	35c red, Type 2	14.00
C3e	35c no period, Type 2	21.00
C3f	35c 1 under F, Type 1	30.00
C3g	35c 1 under F, Type 2	30.00
C6	15c brown	.75
C7	50c green	1.85
C8	$1.00 blue	6.75
C6-8	Set of three	8.75
C9	15c brown	.65
C10	50c green	3.50
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V.I.P.S. CELEBRATES
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made a Fellow of the Royal Society of London. He remembered with gratitude the many members, who had given generously of time and effort, for the good of the club, among others, J. N. Anderson, Henry Whittaker, P. L. James, Miss Jean Roberts, Victor Bigwood, R. M. Angus, Reginald Nairne and W. J. Davey, who, in 1933 had started a stamp exchange circuit in the club, which was later changed to a sales circuit and managed by V. N. Bigwood, for twenty years. Mr. Davey had written a history of the V.I.P.S. and was a recognized expert on stamps of Hawaii. In closing Dr. Pearce said that the V.I.P.S. had twice acted as "host society" for the yearly exhibition of the Pacific North-west Federation of Stamp Clubs—which was no small undertaking.

Dinner over, the party adjourned to the Princess Charlotte and Albert room once more. Here Gerry Wellburn gave an informal talk and displayed some of his stamp treasures, which had been chosen more for the romantic or amusing story back of their acquisition, than for the money value — though the money's worth was there in many cases. He and Mr. Bainbridge laughed over their struggles to obtain scarce material, and told of amusing incidents in hunting for old stamps—some being actually found under the eaves of a log cabin at Yale, B.C. In closing he thanked his associates for the happiness and friendship which had been his as a member of the V.I.P.S.

The evening ended with a hearty vote of thanks for Gerry Wellburn, the president saying that the success of the occasion was largely due to him.

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

News of new issues to be issued in 1957 as reported in Popular Stamps of December makes interesting reading. Quite an innovation for Canada to issue four separate designs in blocks of four and with the heavy demand for thematics today our Post Office department may receive a surprise with a much increased demand for these five cent sports issues, especially as they are to be released in the larger format which has been largely advocated for a long time. If with improved designs some closer inspection was given to centered perforation many thousands of us would welcome the change.

Harping once more on past criticisms I read in an old country journal that the fire prevention stamp if turned upside down created a good Father Christmas, it's a fact, you try it.

Speaking of new issues the lately released Virgin Island set should be a very popular one with all who collect the Queen Elizabeth stamps, as the issue is most attractive with its pictorials which represent various subjects of familiar interest to the island population.

A useful commentary on catalogs by a Mr. W. Nichols in the December 7th issue of "SC" London is worth reading as many remarks will give the general collector of our Empire issues an insight to the difficulties encountered in obtaining used issues from various parts of the Br. Empire, it is a matter of which collectors should be familiar with and disburse some of the discontent which exists regarding current issues and the slowness of availability.

With the New Year upon us it is to be hoped that many newcomers may join the ranks of stamp collectors. Since the unfortunate break in sterling some years ago collectors have benefited considerably by the low cost to them when putting away issues of British Empire countries, meanwhile for those who previously held these issues will be to a great extent reimbursed by the advance in catalog value, Canada having shown due to general shortage in supply the largest increase in any Empire country. The same general advances in a few years to come places stamp collecting in the investment category.

Happy and prosperous year to all of you.

The editor thanks all those who sent him Christmas cards, good wishes, and stamps of philatelic interest. Though I have never met many of the senders it proves the fellowship that philately engenders.

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	F1 6c rate	25.00
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251a	E1 6c rate	.75
	F1 6c rate	1.00
	E1a small staple	.85
	F1a small staple	1.00
	E1b medium staple	.85
	E1e red pencil X	.78
	F1e red pencil X	.90
	E1f rates removed	.60
	F1f rates removed	.65
	F2 surcharge rate	1.25
249a/50a/51a	F1a 6c rate medium staple	5.00
	E2 surcharge rate	2.25
	F2 surcharge rate	3.50
252a	E1 7c and 6c rates	.80
	F1 7c and 6c rates	5.00
	F1a bright back	5.00
	B1a 7c and 6c rates dark covers	1.25
	E2 7c and 5c rates	1.00
254a	E3 surcharge rate Postal Note cover	1.50
	E3b medium staple	1.60
254a	E4 7c and 6c rates	.75
	F4 7c and 6c rates	.75
	B4 7c and 6c rates	.75
	B5 7c and 5c rates	.75
249c/52b/54b	E1 7c and 6c rates	.95
	F1 7c and 6c rates	1.00
	B1 7c and 6c rates	.85
	E2 7c and 5c rates	1.40
252c/4c/C9a	E1 medium staple	2.50
	F1 medium staple	3.00
	E1a small staple	2.50
	F1a small staple	3.00
286b	E1 7c and 5c rates	1.50
	E2 Avoid Loss	1.00
	B2 Avoid Loss	1.00
287b	E1 7c and 5c rates	1.50
	B1 7c and 5c rates	1.50
	B2 Avoid Loss	1.00
284a/6a/7a	B1 7c and 5c rates	1.50
306b	E1	.60
	B1	.60
	E1a stitched	1.50
284a/6a/306a	E1	.80
	B1	1.00
327b	E1	1.50
	B1	.50
328b	E1	.35
	B1	.35
325a/7a/8a	E1	1.00
	B1	.60
336a	B1 Beaver	.60
	B1a stitched	1.50
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Review of Scott's 1957 Canada Section

Specially Invited by Popular Stamps.

This will cover only the Canadian sections. Almost all numbers have been increased, both unused and used. It is unfortunate that the question of condition has not been very specifically defined. Auction prices over the past year have shown that stamps in fine condition bring around full catalogue prices and better copies bring well over catalogue. The idea that a buyer should be able to buy at half Scott's is an old bogey.

Now, for a short summary of items that catch my eye. Take Canada No. 1 unused up now to $850.00 yet I believe is scarcer that the 12p. All pence values have advanced, as did also the 1859 and 1868 issues. No. 20, the 2c value is an item that I believe is as scarce as the 6p yet catalogued very much less. I notice the 15c thick paper was not changed tho' it is quite a hard to get number. The small cents issues are now coming into their own. In spite of their great popularity they have not reached where they should be. They are all notoriously badly centered and any that are reasonably well centered bring very much above catalogue and bring out very active bidding when they crop up in sales.

I was somewhat surprised that the 1897 Jubilee advanced all along the line, tho' you find plenty of them in every auction sale, but it may be that we should stop and consider that the dollar has been shrinking in its value, so naturally these should go up to compensate. The Maple Leaf and Numeral issues all received boosts. Some values, as Nos. 73, 779, 80 and 82 are really scarce. The Maps, still Canada's most popular stamps got a deserved advance. The only one of the Edward set to be overlooked was the 7c. I wonder why! Here you will find the imperfs. of these catalogued but looking back to the Maple Leaf and Numeral issues we do not find them. Why pick and choose? List some and ignore others is not consistent. You will notice many more imperfs. not listed or even a note made about them, which is a bad oversight. I notice also that those cut up pieces of the 3c Numeral are still listed, with fantastic prices on them. Such material can be made by any school boy. These are listed as 88b and 88c. Let's get sensible on these homemade varieties and put them where they belong—in oblivion.

Coming now to the first issue of Geo. V, which is fast becoming as popular as the small cents for shades, tints and study. Many auction sales never have these in their listings and dealer stocks are low or nil. They were all due for increases and will likely be higher next year. Condition of these are usually poor. The 5c blue, 10c brown purple and 50c deep black are the tough ones.

Turning to the coils, I believe the No. 126 should have gone higher, while No. 129 stood still, tho' it should have been boosted. The greatest oversight was No. 134, which I firmly think should be listed at $3.50 instead of 45c. It's so strange to me that sometimes we get off on the wrong foot and just cannot it seems later get into step right. If No. 133 is priced at $7.00, then by logic at all No. 134 should be valued at one-half of No. 133. There were only double the number of No. 134 issued compared to No. 133. Did you ever try to get either of these on cover at time of issue? They were not used I believe by the general public. Yet this error in pricing persists year after year! The very same thing applies to Nos. 136-7-8 which all went up this year. Basically 50,000 each of No. 136 and No. 137 were issued, while 100,000 of No. 138 were issued. These were not on sale at the Post Offices but were sold to dealers and collectors and I am sure nearly all are still in existence. Therefore why should not No. 136 and No. 137 be catalogued exactly the same and No. 138 at one-half of these. If we take No. 137 as basic, then No. 136 should be $4.00 and No. 138 should be $2.00. Here again did you ever try to get these on cover used in 1924-5 or 6? Used copies of any are real tough to locate. During those years I had a stamp friend who used them for postage and getting them back soaked them off to sell as used copies. I got a few and also some covers. The pricing of these three stamps needs to be radically revised. This was done

some time ago in the Holmes catalog.

Coming to No. 139 and No. 140 we have the same error in pricing. No. 140 should be one-half of the price of No. 139, based again on the number issued. These also were not used by the general public for ordinary postage, collectors and dealers controlling the disposition and use.

From here on an almost constant increase is found, right up to the very recent issues. It seems strange to me that No. 147 should have been reduced. All coils are short in dealers stocks and collectors have recently taken a great deal more interest in them. Result is that we now find how scarce most of them really are and the big increases in this catalogue begin to show more of their true value. Look at No. 160-1, 178, 205-6-7, 228-9-230. Several of the later ones will be well up in another year.

Turning to E8 and E9, both are sleepers and should be higher. I was glad to note that the neglected registration stamps came in for attention this year with nice increases, deservedly. Jumping over to the Officials, which are becoming extremely popular, and this means that many are lacking in many collections, with prices jumping day by day. O9-10-11-25-27 are examples of prices racing ahead of catalogue. Many collectors are waking up to the perforated O.H.M.S. which Scott does not recognize as stamps except for a very brief note. Most of these are really hard to find and as they become more and more popular, prices will climb rapidly. The Holmes catalogue has a very lengthy listing and pricing and recently Wrigley has come out with a very nice special catalogue with prices for these. Be wise today and collect them, then you won't moan to-morrow.

As for the Provincial Issues, B. C. had two or three raises, New Brunswick was advanced all through. Newfoundland, which is a good seller today, had a great many advances. Nova Scotia and P. E. I. were likewise accorded many increases, and all of them past due. All in all, it goes to show that all Canadian issues are very popular and well worth close attention by collectors and dealers alike. The market is upward and sure to go higher.—L. Seale Holmes, M.D.

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Hevia catalogs for 1957 of Spain and Spanish colonies have been received from Madrid, Spain. These are well illustrated and tabulated and offer pertinent information to those who can make use of them.

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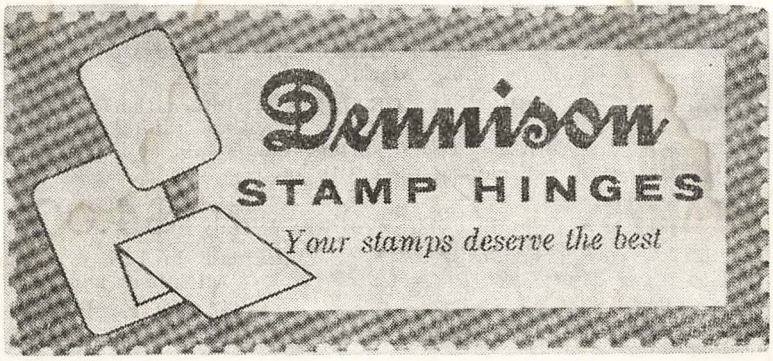

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